

HOUSE BILL No. 1710

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.

Synopsis: Friends of animals trust license plates. Establishes the friends of animals trust license plate and the friends of animals trust fund. Specifies that \$25 from the proceeds from the sale of each of the friends of animals trust license plates be distributed to the Indiana Animal Health Foundation for use in certain animal programs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.30-2008,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or
4 lessee of a:
5 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
6 (2) motorcycle;
7 (3) recreational vehicle; or
8 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
9 not more than:
10 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
11 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
12 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
13 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
14 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
15 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
16 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
17 (b) A person who:

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- 1 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in
- 2 subsection (a); and
- 3 (2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:
- 4 (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
- 5 (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);
- 6 (C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);
- 7 (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);
- 8 (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);
- 9 (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);
- 10 (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);
- 11 (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);
- 12 (I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);
- 13 (J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);
- 14 (K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);
- 15 (L) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);
- 16 (M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
- 17 (N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
- 18 (O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);
- 19 (P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);
- 20 (Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);
- 21 (R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);
- 22 (S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);
- 23 (T) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license
- 24 plates);
- 25 (U) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license
- 26 plates);
- 27 (V) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);
- 28 (W) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);
- 29 (X) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);
- 30 (Y) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);
- 31 (Z) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);
- 32 (AA) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);
- 33 (BB) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust
- 34 license plates);
- 35 (CC) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);
- 36 (DD) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);
- 37 (EE) IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised
- 38 professional football team license plates);
- 39 (FF) IC 9-18-50 (Hoosier veteran license plates);
- 40 (GG) IC 9-18-51 (support our troops license plates); **or**
- 41 (HH) IC 9-18-52 (Abraham Lincoln bicentennial license
- 42 plates); **or**

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(II) **IC 9-18-53 (friends of animals trust license plates);**
 may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed
 to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular
 special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-53 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 1, 2009]:

Chapter 53. Friends of Animals Trust License Plates

Sec. 1. This chapter applies after December 31, 2009.

**Sec. 2. The bureau shall design and issue a friends of animals
 trust license plate. The friends of animals trust license plate shall
 be designed and issued as a special group recognition license plate
 under IC 9-18-25.**

**Sec. 3. After December 31, 2009, a person who is eligible to
 register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive a friends of
 animals trust license plate under this chapter upon doing the
 following:**

**(1) Completing an application for a friends of animals trust
 license plate.**

(2) Paying the fees under section 4 of this chapter.

**Sec. 4. (a) The fees for a friends of animals trust license plate are
 as follows:**

(1) The appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38(a).

(2) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

**(b) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be
 collected by the bureau.**

**(c) The annual fee described in subsection (a)(2) shall be
 deposited in the friends of animals trust fund established by section
 5 of this chapter.**

Sec. 5. (a) The friends of animals trust fund is established.

**(b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the friends
 of animals trust fund not currently needed to meet the obligations
 of the friends of animals trust fund in the same manner as other
 public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues from these
 investments shall be deposited in the friends of animals trust fund.**

**(c) The bureau shall administer the friends of animals trust
 fund. Expenses of administering the friends of animals trust fund
 shall be paid from money in the friends of animals trust fund.**

**(d) On June 30 of each year, the bureau shall distribute money
 in the fund attributable to the recipients of a friends of animals
 trust license plate to the Indiana Animal Health Foundation.**

(e) Upon receipt of the funds from the friends of animals trust

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1 fund, the Indiana Animal Health Foundation shall use the funds to
2 support the following purposes only:

3 (1) Animal control programs.

4 (2) Humane societies.

5 (3) Pet overpopulation reduction through a variety of
6 approaches, including:

7 (A) subsidizing surgeries through veterinarians and clinics;

8 (B) providing education programs for pet owners and
9 potential pet owners; and

10 (C) helping animal control entities and humane societies
11 deal with pet overpopulation issues.

12 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
13 revert to the state general fund.

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